

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A flexible fluid containment vessel for the transportation of cargo comprising a fluid or fluidisable material, said vessel comprising:

an elongated flexible tubular structure having a circumference comprised of at least two fabric segments having a width which is smaller than a width of the tubular structure, said structure having an inside and an outside;

means for rendering said tubular structure impervious;

said tubular structure having a front end and a rear end;

means for filling and emptying said vessel of cargo;

means for joining said segments together;

said means for joining comprising a first upright member on a surface of a first segment along an edge thereof; a second upright member on a surface of a second segment along an edge thereof; wherein aligning said first and second upright members are aligned, means for sealing a space between said first and second segments and means for securing said first and second upright members together; and

wherein said means for securing said first and second upright members is only affixed either on said inside or on said outside of said ~~structure~~ first and second segments.

2. (Currently Amended) A flexible fluid containment vessel for the transportation of cargo comprising a fluid or fluidisable material, said vessel comprising:

an elongated flexible tubular structure having a circumference comprised of at least two fabric segments having a width which is smaller than a width of the tubular structure, said structure having an inside and an outside;

means for rendering said tubular structure impervious;

said tubular structure having a front end and a rear end;

means for filling and emptying said vessel of cargo;

means for joining said segments together;

said means for joining comprising a first upright member on a surface of a first segment along an edge thereof; a second upright member on a surface of a second segment along an edge thereof; wherein said first and second upright members are aligned, means for sealing a space between said first and second segments and means for securing said first and second upright members together; and

wherein said means for securing said first and second upright members is only affixed either on said inside or on said outside of said structure and ~~A vessel in accordance with claim 1~~
wherein said upright members are generally C-shaped and said means for sealing a space includes a means having respective complimentary shaped portions to receive said C-shape.

3. (Original) A vessel in accordance with claim 2 wherein said means for sealing a space has generally an I-shape.

4. (Previously Presented) A vessel in accordance with claim 3 wherein said means for securing said first and second upright members together comprises a generally U-shaped clamp which maintains said C-shape members in a clamping arrangement with each other and the I-shaped sealing means therebetween.

5. (Previously Presented) A vessel in accordance with claim 2 wherein said upright members are formed from the edge of said first segment or said second segment.

6. (Previously Presented) A vessel in accordance with claim 2 wherein said upright members are fixedly secured to the edge of said first segment or said second segment.

7. (Previously Presented) A vessel in accordance with claim 6 wherein said upright members are maintained within an overlap formed from the edge of said first segment or said second segment.

8. (Previously Presented) A vessel in accordance with claim 7 wherein said overlap is sewn or glued to the surface of said first segment or said second segment.

9. (Previously Presented) A vessel in accordance with claim 1 wherein a length of said first segment or said second segment is equal to that of the circumference of the tubular structure.

10. (Original) A vessel in accordance with claim 1 wherein said means for securing said members together includes stitching said members together.

11. (Original) A vessel in accordance with claim 10 which further includes rope as part of the stitching.

12.-21. (Cancelled).